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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Fisheries and Ports (B) Department

ORDER

G.O. (P) No.21/2024/F&PD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

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S. R. O. No. 942/2024

WHEREAS, under sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980 (10 of 1981), empower the Government to regulate, restrict or prohibit fishing in any specified area by such class or classes of fishing vessel as may be prescribed by order notified in the Gazette;

AND WHEREAS, as per clause (c) of sub-rule (1) of rule 3 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Rules, 2018 issued under G.O. (P)No.18/2018/F&PD dated 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2018



and published as S.R.O. No.623/2018 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.2284 dated 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, the Government may prohibit such class or classes of fishing vessels in any specified area beyond the life span as ordered by the Government for ensuring safety of fishermen at sea;

AND WHEREAS, the Government have decided for regulating fishing vessels without navigational, lifesaving and fire fighting equipment and for restricting the life span of the fishing vessels in pursuance of notification issued under G.O.(P)No.23/2020/F&PD dated 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 and published as S.R.O. No.827/2020 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.2800 dated 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2020;

AND WHEREAS, the Government have decided to extend the life span of fishing vessels by three more years, subject to the production of a seaworthiness certificate from Kerala Maritime Board and further to extend the life span annually, for a maximum of additional three years based on the annual certification by the surveyor of the Kerala Maritime Board. The life span of fishing vessels was so extended to three more years subject to the production of seaworthiness certificate issued by the Kerala Maritime Board and provided the fishing vessels have insurance coverage and on producing Kerala Fishermen Welfare Fund Board membership details of the workers in the vessel in pursuance of notification issued under G.O.(P) No.41/2022/F&PD dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 and published as S.R.O. No.1227/2022 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.4335 dated 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2022;

AND WHEREAS, the Director of Fisheries has reported that the Government order, G.O.(P)No.41/2022/F&PD dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 and published as S.R.O.No.1227/2022 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.4335 dated 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2022 may be amended as the surveyors working in the Kerala Maritime Board are not available to conduct survey in the vessels registered by Fisheries Department. In the meeting held by Fisheries Department on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, it was decided that the fishermen can avail the condition survey certificate (sea worthiness certificate) and license from the Fisheries Department after conducting survey by the empanelled qualified surveyors appointed by the Fisheries Department. The Director further reported that in the above said S.R.O.No.1227/2022, in Schedule II, the proviso, in item (ii) and (iii) may be amended, that subject to the production of condition survey certificate (seaworthiness certificate) issued by the Fisheries Department after the expiry of the normal life span of fishing vessel so applied and for the extension beyond the extended lifespan annually, after conducting survey by the surveyors



empanelled and appointed by the Fisheries Department and in the fishing vessels, the workers shall have valid membership in Kerala Fishermen Welfare Fund Board and details thereon;

AND WHEREAS, the Government have considered the matter in detail and are satisfied that it is necessary, in public interest, to extend the life span of fishing vessels which was fixed by the notification issued under G.O.(P)No.41/2022/F&PD dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 and published as S.R.O.No.1227/2022 in the Kerala Extraordinary Gazette No.4335 dated 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2022 shall be amended that subject to the production of condition survey certificate (seaworthiness certificate) issued by the Fisheries Department after the expiry of the normal life span of fishing vessel so applied and for the extension beyond the extended lifespan annually, after conducting survey by the surveyors empanelled and appointed by the Fisheries Department and in the fishing vessels, the workers shall have valid membership in Kerala Fishermen Welfare Fund Board and details thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (1) of section 4 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980, read with rule 3 of Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Rules, 2018 and the amendments of the notification issued under G.O.(P)No. 41/2022/F&PD dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 and published as S.R.O.No.1227/2022 in the Kerala Extraordinary Gazette No.4335 dated 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2022, the Government of Kerala hereby extend the lifespan of the fishing vessel and subject to the production of condition survey certificate (seaworthiness certificate) issued by the Fisheries Department after the expiry of the normal life span of fishing vessel so applied and for the extension beyond the extended lifespan annually, after conducting survey by the surveyors empanelled and appointed by the Fisheries Department and in the fishing vessels, and the workers shall have valid membership in Kerala Fishermen Welfare Fund Board and details thereon. Hence, the Government of Kerala hereby make the following amendments to the said order, namely:-

### **AMENDMENTS**

In the said order, in Schedule II, in the proviso, in item (ii) and (iii), the following items shall respectively be substituted, namely:-

“(ii) Production of condition survey certificate (seaworthiness certificate) issued by the Fisheries Department after the expiry of the normal life span of fishing vessel so applied and for the



extension beyond the extended lifespan annually, after conducting survey by the surveyors empanelled and appointed by Fisheries Department.

(iii) in the fishing vessels, the workers shall have valid membership in Kerala Fishermen Welfare Fund Board and details thereon.”.

By order of the Governor,

K. S. SRINIVAS

*Principal Secretary*

### **Explanatory Note**

(This does not form part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980 (10 of 1981), empower the Government to regulate, restrict or prohibit fishing in any specified area by such class or classes of fishing vessel as may be prescribed by order notified in the Gazette. As per clause (c) of sub-rule (1) of rule 3 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Rules, 2018 issued under G.O.(P)No.18/2018/F&PD dated 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2018 and published as S.R.O. No.623/2018 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.2284 dated 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, the Government may prohibit such class or classes of fishing vessels in any specified area beyond the life span as ordered by the Government for ensuring safety of fishermen at sea. The Government have decided for regulating fishing vessels without navigational, lifesaving and fire fighting equipment and for restricting the life span of the fishing vessels in pursuance of notification under G.O. (P)No.23/2020/F&PD dated 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 and published as S.R.O. No.827/2020 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.2800 dated 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. The Government have decided to extend the life span of fishing vessels by three more years, subject to the production of a seaworthiness certificate from Kerala Maritime Board and further to extend the life span annually, for a maximum of additional three years based on the annual certification by the surveyor of the Kerala Maritime Board. The life span of fishing vessels extended to three more years subject to the production of seaworthiness certificate issued by the Kerala Maritime Board and provided the



fishing vessels have insurance coverage and on producing Kerala Fishermen Welfare Fund Board membership details of the workers in the vessel in pursuance of notification issued under G.O.(P) No.41/2022/F&PD dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 and published as S.R.O. No.1227/2022 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.4335 dated 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2022. The Director of Fisheries has reported that the Government order, G.O.(P)No.41/2022/F&PD dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 and published as S.R.O.No.1227/2022 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.4335 dated 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2022 may be amended as the surveyors working in the Kerala Maritime Board are not available to conduct survey in the vessels registered by Fisheries Department. In the meeting held by Fisheries Department on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 it was decided that the fishermen can avail the condition survey certificate (sea worthiness certificate) and license from the Fisheries Department after conducting survey by the empanelled qualified surveyors appointed by the Fisheries Department. The Director further reported that in the above said S.R.O.No.1227/2022, in Schedule II, in the proviso in item (ii) and (iii) may be amended, that subject to the production of condition survey certificate (seaworthiness certificate) issued by the Fisheries Department after the expiry of the normal life span of fishing vessel so applied and for the extension beyond the extended lifespan annually, after conducting survey by the surveyors empanelled and appointed by the Fisheries Department and in the fishing vessels, the workers shall have valid membership in Kerala Fishermen Welfare Fund Board and details thereon. The Government have considered the matter in detail and are satisfied that it is necessary in public interest to extend the life span of fishing vessels which was fixed by the notification issued under G.O.(P)No.41/2022/F&PD dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 and published as S.R.O.No.1227/2022 in the Kerala Extraordinary Gazette No.4335 dated 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2022 shall be amended, subject to the production of condition survey certificate (seaworthiness certificate) issued by the Fisheries Department after the expiry of the normal life span of fishing vessel so applied and for the extension beyond the extended lifespan annually, after conducting survey by the surveyors empanelled and appointed by the Fisheries Department and in the fishing vessels, the workers shall have valid membership in Kerala Fishermen Welfare Fund Board and details thereon.

The order is intended to achieve the above object.

